

Women's Health Laboratories

Program Operating Plan

Program or Division Name	Women's Health Laboratories (WHL)
Bureau	Women's Health
Associateship	Family Health
Program Purpose	Provide high quality, affordable, laboratory services to TDH Programs and contracted, public health care providers and patients. WHL specializes in preventative women's health and infectious disease screening services .
Major Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laboratory Testing• Consultation Services• Professional education and Workforce Training (practical training)• Policy and procedure development• Applied research on new laboratory testing technologies and methodologies
Population Served	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TDH Programs• Title V Providers/Patients; Title X Providers/Patients; Title XIX Providers/Patients; Title XX Providers/Patients• Tuberculosis (TB) Eliminations Providers/Patients• Binational Program• Texas Centers for Infectious Disease (TCID) Physicians/Patients• Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR)• South Texas Hospitals Physicians/Patients• University Systems• Indigent Patients• Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) Providers/Patients• Local City/County Health Systems
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Program Objectives

Fiscal Year 2003 Objectives

- Maintain accreditation and certification by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).
- Maintain certification by Maintain accreditation by Ensure acceptable performance on Proficiency Testing surveys.
- Update the TDH guidelines for cervical cancer screening, diagnosis and follow-up recommendations to reflect new evidence and consensus conferences.
- Incorporate new testing technologies for cervical cancer screening and sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing.

Services Provided/Activities

Health Care Safety Net Services

Provide lab services to individuals and communities:

- Target underserved communities that otherwise would not obtain affordable lab services.
- Targeted relieving health care disparities.
- Provide lab services to indigent patients
- Provide lab services to patients with tuberculosis and other infectious diseases.

Provide lab services, including: Chemistry, Special Chemistry, Hematology, Immunology, Transfusion Services, Coagulation, Urinalysis, Cytology, Surgical Pathology, Autopsy Pathology, DNA-Probe Testing, Bacteriology, Parasitology, Mycology, Mycobacteriology, MIC testing, HPLC TB drug levels.

Essential Public Health Services (EPHS)

No. 1 Monitor the health status of individuals in the community to identify community health problems.

- Provide data management service and statistical reporting to TDH Programs on disease incidence and program volume and utilization patterns.
- Provide list of "reportable diseases" to state and local communities.

No. 2 Diagnose and investigate community health problems and community health hazards.

- Provide epidemiology and disease incidence data.
- Perform CAP inspections and lead CAP inspection teams.
- Perform lab testing functions (Chemistry, Special Chemistry, Hematology, Immunology, Transfusion Services, Coagulation, Urinalysis, Cytology, Surgical Pathology, Autopsy Pathology, DNA-Probe Testing, Bacteriology, Parasitology, Mycology,

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Mycobacteriology, MIC testing, HPLC TB drug levels).

No. 3 Inform, educate, and empower the community with respect to health issues.

- Develop cancer-screening guidelines for TDH contractors.
- Provide pathology and laboratory knowledge to TDH Programs and contractors.

No. 4 Mobilize community partnerships in identifying and solving community health problems.

- Transfer of equipment and training to Texas Local Health Department Laboratories to support lab testing in their communities.

No. 8 Ensure a competent workforce for the provision of essential public health services.

- Provide professional education to health care professionals to include formal lectures, education material & individual consultations.
- Provide practical training to allied health care professionals.
- Provide testing materials for proficiency surveys to the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

No. 9 Research new insights and innovative solutions to community health problems.

- Conduct and participate in research projects:
- BCCCP Liquid Based Pap Smear project
- UT Southwestern molecular markers for cervical cancer.
- Applied research for new lab technologies – Herpes testing, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

Administrative Activities

N/A

Program Evaluation

Performance
Measures:
State

Performance Measures

N/A

Performance
Measures:
Federal

The College of American Pathologists (CAP)

The Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS)

Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) -- Acceptable individual scores, as well as overall lab scores on proficiency testing.

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Mandate/authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• §12.020, 12.0122, 12.031, Health & Safety Code, Powers and Duties of Texas Department of Health• HB 2389 (75R) & HB 1748 (76)• Title V, Social Security Act [42 USC § 701 <u>et seq.</u>]; 42 CFR Part 51a, Authorization of Appropriations; Purposes; Definitions• Title X, Public Health Service Act [42 USC § 300 <u>et seq.</u>], Project Grants and Contracts for Family Planning Services• Title XV, Public Health Service Act [42 USC §§ 300k-300n], Establishment of Program of Grants to States• Title XIX, Social Security Act, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs• Title XX, Social Security Act [42 USC § 1397 a <u>et seq.</u>]; 42 CFR, Part 59, Subpart A, Grants for Family Planning Services
Origins of program (if no mandate)	<p>Program was established in 1978 as a pilot project. TDH could not find quality laboratories to perform their cancer screening. Expanded in 1982 to provide Surgical Pathology and Dysplasia laboratory diagnostic services. Added STD screening services in 1993 and merged with the TCID laboratory in 1998 to save administrative costs and to provide a full range of clinical lab services to TDH contractors.</p>
Program Rules	N/A
Advisory Committee or Regulatory Board	N/A